

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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TEXTILE EXPORTS .
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India's textile exports have declined considerably;
- (b) if so, the comparative figures during the April, 2000 to February, 2001 and April, 2001 to February, 2002; and
- (c) the action proposed to boost textile exports ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL (YATNAL)

(a) As per DGCI&S data, the textile exports during the year 2001-2002 have amounted to US\$ 10715.0 million as against the exports of US\$ 12037.6 million during the previous year, marking a decline of around 11.0%. However, textile exports during the period April 2002 amounted to US\$913.7 million as against the exports of US\$774.1 million during the same period 2001, recording a growth of 18.0%.

(b) The value of textile exports from the country during the period April 2000 to February 2001 and April 2001 to February 2002 are given below :-

Value (in US\$ Million) % increase/decrease of 2001-02 over 2000-01

	April-February 2000-2001	April-February 2001-2002	
Textile Exports	10931.5	9815.2	-10.2%

Source : DGCI&S, Calcutta

(c) Government have been taking several steps from time to time to increase textile exports. Some of the important initiatives are:-

- i) The Government has de-reserved the woven segment of readymade garment from the SSI sector.
- ii) The Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) has been made operational from 1-4-1999 to facilitate the modernisation and upgradation of the sector.
- iii) Weaving, processing and garment machinery, which are covered under TUFS, have been extended the facility of accelerated depreciation at the rate of 50%. Cost of machinery has also been reduced through Fiscal Policy measures. This further encourages modernisation.
- iv) With a view to encouraging backward integration, the custom duty on shuttleless looms has been brought to 5%. A programme has also been announced to induct 50,000 shuttleless looms and to modernise 2.5 lakh powerlooms in the decentralised sector by 2004.
- v) Foreign equity participation upto 100% through automatic route has been allowed in the textile sector with a few exceptions.
- vi) National Institute for Fashion Technology (NIFT), its six branches and Apparel Training & Design Centres (ATDCs) are running various courses/programmes to meet skilled manpower requirements of textile industry especially apparel in the field of design, merchandising and marketing.
- vii) To prepare and sensitise the textile industry to conform to the ecological requirements of importing countries by providing facilities

by way of eco-testing laboratories.